

Office for the Rural Advancement of Technology and Hospital Improvement (ORATHI)

The program administers the [Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program](#) and the [Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program](#), both funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Rural Health Policy.

What We Do

- Address quality-of-care issues
- Develop and implement rural health networks
- Improve and integrate Emergency Medical Services
- Create and maintain a state rural health plan
- Support facilities seeking Critical Access Hospital designation
- Educate and provide technical assistance to rural facilities on the implementation of electronic health records, health information exchange, and other health information technology
- Work with rural hospitals, particularly Critical Access Hospitals, to improve financial, operational, and clinical performance